

Resolution No.:	<u>18-551</u>
Introduced:	<u>June 14, 2016</u>
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Support for “Clarksburg – Ten Mile Creek Area Sewer Facility Study – Final Draft Report”

Background

1. On February 24, 2016, the County Council approved Resolution 18-66, “Comprehensive Water/Sewer Category Map Amendment for the Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan Amendment Area”, consistent with the land use recommendations in the Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan Amendment approved by the Council in Resolution 17-1048 on April 1, 2014.
2. Consistent with Council Resolution 17-1048, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission initiated a comprehensive study to identify how to extend public sewer service to the Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan area in a logical, economical, and environmental manner and with sewer main alignments and pumping stations to be located so as to “minimize, as feasible, disturbance of environmental buffers and forested areas.”
3. As noted in Resolution 18-66, “Sewer infrastructure should avoid Ten Mile Creek, its tributaries, and other water resources unless it is technologically infeasible to do so. Disturbance to all environmentally sensitive areas should be minimized. Only capital projects that satisfy the Master Plan’s recommendation for service and minimize environmental impacts to Ten Mile Creek will be approved by the Council.”
4. On March 25, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) transmitted “Clarksburg – Ten Mile Creek Area Sewer Facility Study – Final Draft Report” to the County Council and to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. This report reviewed 12 different alternatives for extending sewer to the area and recommended Alternative 12, which had the highest overall ranking of all of the alternatives based on cost, reliability, constructability, engineering impacts, environmental impacts, and community impacts. Alternative 12 also scored the highest for minimizing environmental impacts as it avoids disturbance in environmental buffer areas and avoids forest clearing.

5. The Montgomery County Planning Board held a hearing on May 26 and endorsed WSSC's recommendation of Alternative 12 and found that this alternative conforms to the 2014 Ten Mile Creek Limited Master Plan Amendment recommendations.
6. A public hearing was held on June 28, 2016.
7. In a July 8, 2016 memorandum to the County Council, Council Staff recommended that WSSC add the following language on Page 3-1 of the Sewer Study at the end of the introduction for Section 3 "Development of Alternatives":

"The following presents each of the alternatives evaluated as part of this study. It should be understood that the areas noted on the Pulte/King, Egan/Mattlyn, and Miles Coppola properties in purple do not designate the development footprint. These areas were strictly used for planning purposes only to conceptually designate areas for future sewer service. Areas allowed for actual development on these properties will be decided by the Montgomery County Planning Department through its development review process."

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland supports the "Clarksburg – Ten Mile Creek Area Sewer Facility Study – Final Draft Report" transmitted by WSSC on March 25, 2016 with the additional language noted in Paragraph 7 above.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda M. Lauer".

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council